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1. The 1952 harvest in the Vidin area was so small that each member of the agricultural cooperative received only one kilogram of grain and two leva for each day's work. The peasants showed their discontent at such small returns and those in the villages of Boymitsa, Golemanovo, and Tzar Petrovo in the Kula district held a mass demonstration declaring that they did not want to work any more. The Militia intervened and arrested many of the peasants and the remainder were required to work five days without compensation.

2. The members of the Cooperative (sic) are paid from seven to nine leva per day. Factory workers receive from 10 to 12 leva per day. There is a shortage of olive oil and sugar on the market.

3. Current commodity prices are as follows:

a. Clothing

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| One meter of cloth | 270 leva |
| Man's vest | 1,118 leva |
| Pair of trousers | 466 leva |
| Man's coat | 669 leva |
| Man's overcoat | 1,299 leva |
| Raw material for student's suit | 492 leva |
| Dress | 1,114 leva |
| Petticoat | 553 leva |
| Man's shirt | 187 leva |

b. Beverages

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| Liter of wine | 12.80 leva |
| Liter of goat's milk | 3.60 leva |

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| Liter of brandy | 6.60 leva |
| Liter of cow's milk | 3.20 leva |
| Bottle of beer | 4.20 leva |

c. Food

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| Flour (poor quality) | kilo | 2.85 leva |
| Grain flour | kilo | 4.00 leva |
| White flour | kilo | 5.40 leva |
| Sofia bread | kilo | 1.96 leva |
| Burgas bread | kilo | 2.80 leva |
| Stara Zagorski bread | kilo | 4.80 leva |
| Dobruzhanska bread | kilo | 3.80 leva |
| Slavianska bread | kilo | 5.20 leva |
| Kievski bread | kilo | 5.20 leva |
| Leningradski bread | kilo | 11.40 leva |
| Macaroni | kilo | 10.40 leva |
| Lard | kilo | 22.00 leva |
| Cheese | kilo | 13.60 leva |
| Butter | kilo | 25.00 leva |
| Beef | kilo | 13.60 leva |
| Veal | kilo | 16.80 leva |
| Mutton | kilo | 14.40 leva |
| Pork | kilo | 18.80 leva |
| Salam | kilo | 40.00 leva |
| Ham | kilo | 38.00 leva |
| Chicken | kilo | 24.00 leva |
| Fish | kilo | 14 to 32 leva |
| Rice | kilo | 10.00 leva |
| Beans | kilo | 5.40 leva |
| Potatoes | kilo | 1.15 leva |
| One egg | | .72 leva |

d. Soaps

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| Laundry | kilo | 7.80 leva |
| Baykal toilet soap | piece | 10.80 leva |
| Kremal toilet soap | piece | 16.80 leva |
| Toilet soap | piece | 2.80 leva |

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